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Louisville Ladder Recalls Extension Ladders Due to Fall Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: "Louisville/Davidson" and "Michigan" Brand Fiberglass Extension Ladders

Units: About 25,000

Manufacturer: Louisville Ladder Inc., of Louisville, Ky.

Hazard: The extension or "fly" section can fail to lock, posing a fall hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recalled ladders are Type I, IA, or II extension ladders with fiberglass rails and "D" shaped aluminum rungs. The following models are included in the recall:

Louisville/Davidson brand				
534-24	618-24	FE1724	FE3228	L-3022-24PT
534-28	618-28	FE1728	FE3228-010002	L-3022-28PT
534-32		FE3224	FE3228-740037	L-3022-32PT
534-36		FE3224-E03	FE3228-E03	L-3121-24
534-40		FE3224-E08	FE3228-E03E34	
578-24		FE3224-LO32	FE3232	
578-28			FE3232-E03	
578-32			FE3236	
			FE3240	
Michigan brand				
386124				
386128				
386132				
386136				
386140				

The recall involves only models manufactured from September 2007 through October 2007. The model number and the manufacturing date code are located on the left side rail of the ladders. Ladders with two green dots near the bottom of the left side base rail have already been inspected or repaired and are not included in the recall.

Sold at: Industrial supply stores and home centers nationwide from September 2007 through December 2007 for between \$130 and \$760.

Manufactured in: Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the ladder immediately and contact Louisville Ladder for instructions on inspecting the ladder and receiving a free repair kit, if necessary.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Louisville Ladder at (800) 660-4356 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at <u>www.louisvilleladder.com</u>



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To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at <u>www.cpsc.gov/talk.html</u>. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to <u>https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx</u>. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at <u>www.cpsc.gov</u>.